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TOPIC Military Information from Bernau and OranienburgEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT February 1953DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 16 March 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS

Paragraph 2 was previously reported [REDACTED]

1. In February 1953, the former clothing depot No 1 in Bernau quartered about 2,800 troops. Four artillery garages housed 24 x 76.2-mm AT guns and pertinent trucks each. A fifth artillery garage housed 24 x 100-mm AT guns with prime movers.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 26 February, a Soviet major inspected the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg and ordered that an estimate of the cost of reconditioning the restricted area be made out that day. This estimate amounted to 26,000 eastmarks. The Soviet major stated that the Weisse Stadt would soon be reoccupied by army troops who were to vacate a village in the Neustrelitz area. Some of the troops from this village will allegedly be stationed in Gransee.<sup>2</sup>

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The TO and E as carried on the basis of confirmatory information indicates that the AT artillery brigades of the mechanized armies are assigned two medium AT artillery regiments, each with 24 x 76.2-mm field guns, and a heavy AT artillery regiment with 24 x 100-mm AT guns. The total strength is 1,500 to 1,600 troops. The present report, which refers to the unidentified army AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, is therefore, believed incorrect.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. The section of the Weisse Stadt Settlement which previously quartered army troops was last occupied in late November 1952 by a guard detail. [REDACTED] the restricted area would be occupied by Volkspolizei in January 1953. [REDACTED] stated in December 1952 that according to Soviet officers from Neuruppin the installation would be reconditioned. [REDACTED]

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